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- 1. I WISH NOT ONLY TO REITERATE CONCERN EXPRESSED REF B ABOUT FUNDING OF PHILIPPINE STUDENTS AT U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES, BUT TO STRESS FACT THAT ACTION OF THIS TYPE WOULD INEVITABLY BE SEEN BY FILIPINOS AS PETTY U.S. RETRIBUTION FOR RECENT GOP STATEMENTS ABOUT "REASSESSING US-RP SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS."
- 2. THEREFORE, I URGE DEPARTMENT TO WITHHOLD CONCURRENCE FOR OMB PROPOSAL, AND SEEK TO HAVE IT DROPPED, NOT MERELY DEFERRED, WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ON OUR NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOP ARE UNDERTAKEN, I FEEL WE COULD WORK OUT SOME SYSTEM WHICH WOULD REPRESENT AN AGREED US-GOP ARRANGEMENT RATHER THAN A UNILATERALLY IMPOSED US DECISION
- 3. IN THE YEARS AHEAD, THERE IS NO RPT NO DOUBT
 IN MY MIND THAT THESE SERVICE SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
 FILIPINOS WILL BE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO US NATIONAL INTERESTS,
 AND WE MUST NOT RPT NOT LET THESE INTERESTS BE THROWN AWAY FOR THE
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